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ENGLAND.

Report from Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, May 14, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report concerning the transactions of the Service at the port of Liverpool during the week ended May 12, 1900:

Sixteen cases of smallpox and no deaths, 7 cases of typhus fever and 1 death, are reported for the week ended May 10; otherwise the health of the port remains good.

Sixteen vessels cleared for United States ports during the week; of these 10 were not inspected. Nineteen hundred and forty emigrants were inspected and passed. Five cases of trachoma and 1 case of nephritis were refused shipment. Twelve packages, the effects of 10 Russian emigrants, were disinfected and labeled for shipment from this port. Nine packages, the effects of 8 Russian emigrants, were disinfected and labeled here for shipment via Southampton. The situation in regard to freight from infected localities remains unchanged.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Southampton.

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, May 14, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report the following transactions at this port for the week ended May 12, 1900:

May 6, issued supplemental bill of health to the Hamburg-American steamship *Grosser Kurfurst*, bound for New York. I inspected and passed 23 first-cabin passengers. May 9, issued supplemental bill of health to the North German Lloyd steamship *Kaiserin Maria Theresa*, bound for New York. I inspected and passed 1 steerage, 3 second-cabin, 27 first-cabin passengers, and 2 pieces of luggage. May 11, issued supplemental bill of health to the Hamburg-American steamship *Auguste Victoria*, bound for New York. I inspected and passed 2 second-cabin and 30 first-cabin passengers. May 12, cleared the American Line steamship *Saint Louis*, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. I inspected and passed 536 steerage, 167 second-cabin, and 139 first-cabin passengers. Forty-two large bundles of luggage, the bedding and effects of emigrants from Russia and Buenos Ayres, were disinfected with steam and 494 small and 285 large pieces of luggage inspected and passed. There were 5 cases of smallpox in the floating hospital. All occurred in the same house, which was promptly disinfected.

Respectfully,

W. C. HOBDY,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

FRANCE.

Report from Havre.

HAVRE, FRANCE, May 15, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to state that, as previously reported by me, a certain number of Turks and Armenians are carried as emigrants by the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique from Havre to New York.

These Turks are collected at Smyrna, whence they come by boat to Marseilles, thence by train direct to Havre.

During the later part of last week reports, chiefly of newspaper origin, were current of the existence of plague at Smyrna, which were emphasized by some neighboring countries imposing strict quarantine against that port.

On Saturday, May 12, an agent of the French line called upon me to state that if there was any danger in taking emigrants from Smyrna, either of disease or of detention, they would refuse them entirely. I stated that I had not been notified of any plague at Smyrna, and that while the newspapers had reported some suspicious cases, it had also been denied, and that according to *Le Matin*, the president of the sanitary council sent from Constantinople also denied its existence. However, before giving definite advice I cabled the Bureau, and the next day received Bureau cable stating that no plague had been reported from Turkey. I therefore informed the French company that at least for the present said Turks would not be detained, and I would not advise their being refused.

To day I have been shown a message to the Havre agent of the French Company stating that Greece has officially declared rumors of plague at Smyrna to be without foundation and has abolished all restrictions lately imposed upon that port. I would also state that I have written the United States consul at Smyrna for any information he can give me on the subject; also to Asst. Surg. J. F. Anderson at Marseilles to ascertain if the French officials at that port have increased the restrictions on passengers from Smyrna.

Respectfully,

S. B. GRUBBS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

HAVRE, FRANCE, *May 16, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that on May 12, the steamship *L' Aquitaine*, sailed from this port with 840 steerage passengers. The passengers waiting from last week were reexamined and all newly arriving emigrants were inspected and vaccinated as usual. Nearly all the passengers from the Levant were left here on account of lack of quarters. There were disinfected 59 packages of bedding and 10 trunks.

Respectfully,

S. B. GRUBBS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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Report from Marseilles.

MARSEILLES, FRANCE, *May 14, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the usual weekly report and to transmit the abstract of bills of health for the week ended May 12, 1900. May 8, steamship *Patria*, Marseilles to New York via Naples, crew 51, steerage passengers 24, general cargo, was inspected. One steerage passenger was advised rejection for trachoma, but the agent decided to allow him to go. I notified Surgeon Williams in regard to the case.